AR-5131.6

DRUG AND ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

A. A student who for the first time possesses drug paraphernalia, a counterfeit drug, or who possesses, uses, or is under the influence of either alcohol or any drug as defined by BP 5131.6 at school, on school property, at or in connection with any school-sponsored activity, or in transit to or from school or a school activity shall be suspended from school for a period of five to ten days. The period of suspension may be reduced if the student agrees to undergo a drug/alcohol use assessment and successfully completes the activities prescribed in an intervention plan developed by school officials following review of the student's assessment and consultation with appropriate drug and alcohol treatment personnel.

B. If a student commits a second drug or alcohol violation of the type described in Section 'A above during the same school year, the student shall be suspended from school for a period of up to thirty days. The period of suspension may be reduced if the student agrees to participate in and successfully completes an assessment and intervention plan developed by school officials, as described above. If a student commits a third drug or alcohol violation of the type described in Section A during the same school year or the following school year, the student shall be recommended for expulsion.

C. Any student selling, offering to sell, distributing or bartering alcohol or drugs at school, on school property, at or in connection with a school-sponsored activity, or in transit to or from school or a school activity shall be suspended from school for a period between thirty days and the remainder of the school year and may be recommended for expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense. Violations involving the offer for sale or the sale of a controlled substance will normally prompt a recommendation for expulsion. Any student selling, distributing or bartering drug paraphernalia or a counterfeit drug shall be suspended from school for a period of at least thirty days.

D. Criminal activity involving the possession, offer, sale, distribution or barter of alcohol or controlled substances by students in violation of this policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

E. The minimum and maximum penalties described above may be modified by the Superintendent or the school board to address unusual circumstances requiring either a more or less severe penalty in a particular case.

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